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1. EMBASSY CANBERRA CONCURS COMPLETELY IN ANALYSIS OF
GOA ATTITUDE DESCRIBED BY EMBASSY SEOUL, AS WELL AS
SEOUL'S SUGGESTED LINE OF APPROACH, REFTEL.

2. WE ARE DISMAYED, FROM TIME TO TIME, TO DISCOVER THAT
CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN THINKING REMAINS DISPROPORTION-
ATELY INFLUENCED BY AN EXPERIENCE AND A WAR (VIETNAM)
WHICH IS NOW WELL BEHIND US. WE USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY
WE CAN TO MAKE THE POINT THAT WE ARE NOW LIVING IN A NEW
ERA AND WE MUST BASE OUR RESPECTIVE POLICIES UPON OUR
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PERCEPTIONS OF FUTURE NEEDS, RATHER THAN UPON LINGERING
MEMORIES OF SOMETHING THAT IS PAST. INTER ALIA, WE DO
NOT NECESSARILY SUBSCRIBE TO THE BELIEF THAT OTHER
NATIONS MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE
A RENEWED MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA. WE DO NOT THINK
IT TOTALLY IMPLAUSIBLE, SHOULD SOUTH KOREA ONCE AGAIN
FACE A MILITARY ATTACK SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH IT FACED

27 YEARS AGO, THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY WOULD
BE PREPARED TO RESPOND. THIS HAS LITTLE BEARING
ON THE PRESENT PROBLEM, BUT IT DOES SEEM TO US TO AT
LEAST JUSTIFY "THE OLD COLLEGE TRY" BASED UPON THE
REASONING THAT "THE VERY MINOR COST OF RETAINING THE
UNC-JAPAN/SOFA IN EXISTENCE SEEMS SLIGHT COMPARED TO THE
ADVERSE EFFECT IN KOREA AND ELSEWHERE OF LETTING IT LAPSE
AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS IN
THE REGION."
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